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SUBJECT: DUTCH REMARKS ON ENHANCED RADIATION REDUCED
BLAST WEAPONS, 30 MARCH, 1978

1. DURING MARCH 30 PLENARY OF THE CCD, NETHERLANDS
REP (FEIN) MADE A STATEMENT FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON
ORGANIZATIONAL/STRUCTURAL REFORM OF THE CCD AND PROPOSING
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY, BUT
WHICH INCLUDED BRIEF, CONSIDERED REMARKS ON THE ISSUE
OF ENHANCED RADIATION REDUCED BLAST (ER/RB) WEAPONS.

2. TEXT OF NETHERLANDS REP'S REMARKS ON ER/RB WEAPONS
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FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT: I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS
ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION REDUCED BLAST WEAPON, ALSO
CALLED THE NEUTRON BOMB OR NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPON. IN
DOING SO, I WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY PROPAGANDISTIC LANGUAGE
BUT STICK TO THE MATTER ITSELF, SINCE IT IS A SERIOUS

PROBLEM THAT DESERVES OUR FULL ATTENTION.

THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT SHARES MANY OF THE CONCERNS AND DOUBTS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEAPON. THE DEBATE ON THE ERRB-WEAPON CAN BE WELCOMED IN SO FAR AS IT FOCUSES AGAIN OUR ATTENTION ON THE PLACE AND ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN OUR SECURITY SYSTEM. IF THE PRESENT DEBATE FORCES US TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A PERMANENT RESIGNATION WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION WOULD BE A FOLLY, WE COULD GAIN FROM IT. BUT THEN WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE FACTS AS THEY REALLY ARE AND NOT INDULGE IN DISREGARDING THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOME A SITUATION IN WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ERRB WEAPON. THIS IMPLIES THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SEARCH FOR MUTUAL INSTEAD OF UNILATERAL SECURITY ADVANTAGES. BY SUCH AN APPROACH THE NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT MUCH TO GAIN. END TEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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